MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 29 January 2020
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Malcolm Allan (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Colin MacAlister (Vice-Chair); Councillors Steve Gribbon, Becky Senior and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced the following: -

Events

- Marple Civic Society, Annual General Meeting: 8th February 2020 from 2.30pm at the Marple Library.
- New Horizons, Open Meeting – 9th February from 1.00pm in the Navigation.
- Repair Café, Marple Senior Citizens Hall – Third Saturday, every month from 10.00am – 12.00pm

Community Annoucements

- Marple Food and Drink Festival will go ahead with new hosts MINDYs (multiple traders)
- Swimming Baths – check the Council website for further announcements or speak to your local ward councillors
- Rose Hill Station – won an award for the Best Station at Cheshire's Best Kept Secret Awards
- Marple Station – won an award in the Category Awards at the Cheshire's Best Kept Secret Awards.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were submitted.

(NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planning. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC073643 - 85 Cote Green Road, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5EN

In respect of plan no. DC073643 for the demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and the construction a new sustainable contemporary two storey dwelling. (replacement dwelling) at 85 Cote Green Road, Marple Bridge.

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

(ii) DC075172 - Warren Lodge, Montagu Street, Compstall, Stockport, SK6 5JE

In respect of plan no. DC075172 for the construction of detached garage ancillary to main house at Warren Lodge, Montagu Street, Compstall.

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

(i) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted as follows:-

- Relating to Greater Manchester (GM) Waste restrictions, recycling centres and fly-tipping in the area.

In response, it was stated that there was a team of officers working in the Neighbourhood Areas delivering a range of interventions to discourage environmental crimes such as fly-tipping. Evidence gathering together with intelligence and covert cameras were also being used across the borough and officers continued with work to educate traders across the borough regarding the consequences of fly-tipping.

(ii) Public Realm

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that the Public Realm Inspector had been unable to attend the meeting, however it was stated that any outstanding issues relating to the public realm that councillors and members of the public wished to raise at the meeting would be reported back to the appropriate officer for a response following the meeting.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum - District Centres Update

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a number of proposals arising from a recent scrutiny review into the health and prosperity of the borough's District Centres.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- Clarification was sought regarding the proposal for the district centres loan scheme and the process involved. In response, it was commented that the details of the loan scheme were still being worked out, but it would be for £10,000 and would need to be match-funded by the applicant and repaid over a two-year period.
- Clarification was sought regarding how the proposals would be translated into clear action plans for the areas. In response, it was commented that based upon the research and the work being done already in Manchester's District Centres it highlighted what could be achieved by bringing the community and different stakeholders together to take action and revitalise the economy.
- Concern was expressed regarding the condition of pavements, traffic management and public transport in the Marple area which had been expressed by local residents as the reasons why they no longer go out to shop anymore in the Marple District Centre. In response, it was commented that schemes relating to the concerns raised were being looked at and would be split into interventions for the Area Committee to action and influence.
- It was noted that the Marple area was a lovely place to live and work with the market place, societies and other community groups and already had a lot of good restaurants and cafes. It was commented that while public facilities in the area needed some improvement, the district centre still compared favourably in comparison to other areas

in the borough. However, it would be good to see the empty retail units in the area being utilised again.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

7. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Marple Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – HAZEL GROVE LINKS

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the results of a consultation on the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) proposals for improvements to:

A. A footpath linking Lowick Close with Hatherlow Lane;
B. Paths in Torkington Park;
C. Filter point on Mill Lane;
D. Filter points on Wild Street;
E. Filter point on Neville Street;
F. The junction of Hazelwood Road and Torkington Road;
G. Footpath 77 from Sandown Road to the A6;
H. A crossing point on Chester Road close to Hazel Grove Station; and
I. Minor improvements at Mill Lane / A6 / New Moor Lane junction and A6 / Mount Pleasant Toucan crossing

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was noted that recommendation (G) "Footpath 77 from Sandown Road to the A6", would not be taken forward at this stage due to the concerns raised by local residents. However, improved solutions were being looked in to address the concerns that had been raised.
- Clarification was sought regarding whether the Council should be bidding for inclusion in the MCF programme or if it was a phased programme and the Council would have an opportunity to feed into it at a later stage. In response it was commented that the Mayor of Greater Manchester had committed £160m for walking and cycling improvements across the GM area and local authorities were invited to bid for the various schemes.

RESOLVED – (1) That it be noted that proposal (G) - "Footpath 77 from Sandown Road to the A6" would be reviewed in light of comments received from local residents and that

consideration would be given to potential alternatives with the findings being presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

(2) That approval be given to proposals A,B,C,D, E & F as outlined in the report, and to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix C of the report), insofar as they related to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads within their purview. and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

(3) That the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the proposals F,H & I as outlined in the report and to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix C of the report), insofar as they related to Strategic Highways and District Distributor Roads, and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

(4) That approval be given to the legal advertising of the proposed Permissive Shared Routes (as detailed in Section 6 of Appendix C of the report) and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

9. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – BRAMHALL PARK TO A6

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to create a 4km long cycle link from Bramhall Park to the former A6 at 'Simpson's Corner' in Hazel Grove as part of the Stockport East-West Cycle Route.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the proposal to create a 4km long cycle link from Bramhall Park to the former A6 at 'Simpson's Corner' in Hazel Grove as part of the Stockport East–West Cycle Route (as detailed in Section 3 of the report) and to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix B of the report), insofar as they related to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads within its purview, and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the proposal to create a 4km long cycle link from Bramhall Park to the former A6 at 'Simpson's Corner' in Hazel Grove as part of the Stockport East–West Cycle Route (as detailed in Section 3 of the report) and to the legal advertising of the associated package of Traffic Regulation Orders (as detailed in Appendix B of the report), insofar as it related to Strategic Highways and District Distributor Roads, and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the Orders.

10. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS EDWARDS WAY, MARPLE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out proposals for a "No

Waiting At Any Time" Traffic Regulation Order on Edwards Way (both sides) from a point 12 metres north west of the western kerb line of Hibbert Lane, for a distance of 13 metres in a north westerly direction.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following package of traffic regulation orders and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £700 to be funded by the development, at no cost to the delegated budget.

Proposed "No Waiting At Any Time"

Edwards Way (both sides)
From a point of 12 metres North West of the western kerb line of Hibbert Lane, for a distance of 13 metres in a north-westerly direction.

11. APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF PARKS

(i) Parks Use Application - Marple Carnival and Brabyns Funfare 2020

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application received from Marple Carnival Charities Committee to hold their annual Carnival event at Marple Memorial Park and Brabyns Park. The Carnival and small fairground will take place on Saturday 20th June 2020 at Marple Memorial Park with the larger fairground taking place at Brabyns Park from Thursday 18th June – Sunday 21st June 2020.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

12. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding. The report also included the position on the ward delegated budgets.

RESOLVED – That the report and the updates be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm